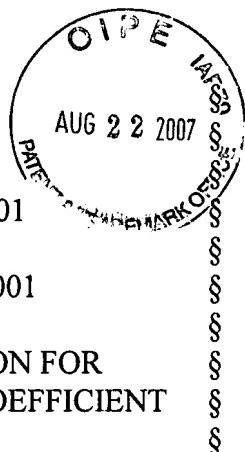


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Saad A. Sirohey et al.



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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO
FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED APRIL 19, 2007**

Dear Sir:

Applicants have elected to file a Request for Continued Examination, enclosed herewith, to further prosecute the above-identified application. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, this communication addresses the arguments advanced by the Examiner in the Final Office Action mailed April 19, 2007. Applicants respectfully request consideration of the above-identified application in light of the following amendments and remarks.

Additionally, Applicants hereby request a one-month extension in the statutory period for response to the Office Action, from July 19, 2007, to August 20, 2007 (as August 19, 2007, fell on a Sunday), in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136. The Commissioner is authorized to charge the requisite fee of \$120.00 for this extension of

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time to Deposit Account No. 50-2401; Order No. 120621-1 (GEMS:0180/YOD). In further accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicants hereby provide a general authorization to treat this and any future reply requiring an extension of time as incorporating a request therefor, and authorize the Commissioner to charge any additional fees that may be required to the deposit account provided immediately above.